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Dear Certified Local Government Contact:

The State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce the availability of fiscal year 2008 Historic Preservation Certified Local Government (CLG) grant applications. Funds are available for education, identification, planning, registration, and rehabilitation activities. Grant applications must be postmarked no later than December 17, 2007. Copies of the grant manual and application materials can be found on our web page at **www.michigan.gov/shpo**.

Please note that two distinct manuals are available online. One manual contains the requirements for education, identification, registration, and planning activities, while the other contains the requirements for rehabilitation and rehabilitation planning activities. Please be sure to use the correct manual when submitting your grant application.

FY08 projects undertaken in association with the following priority programs identified by the SHPO will receive more points: resource identification and designation in support of economic development activities and projects that focus on traditional downtown revitalization. The priority program areas are listed on page 4 of both manuals. The *Project Scoring Criteria* section, which is located in the appendix sections of both manuals, is updated to reflect FY08 program priority areas.

The SHPO has enhanced the photograph requirements for all FY08 grant applications. Please be sure to check both the *Grant Application* and the *Grant Completion* sections in the grant manuals for specific requirements. An appendix entitled *Photograph Technical Requirements* has been added to each manual to aid applicants in meeting these enhanced requirements.

Questions about the grant application or the grant process can be directed to Denise J. Sachau, Grants Manager/Budget Analyst at dsachau@michigan.gov or (517) 373-1904.

General questions regarding Certified Local Governments can be directed to Amy Arnold, Preservation Planner at arnolda@michigan.gov or (517) 335-2729.

Questions regarding photograph requirements, difficulties downloading the manual, or other technical questions may be addressed to Todd Walsh at walsht@michigan.gov or (517) 373-1979.

We look forward to receiving a Certified Local Government grant application from your community

Sincerely,

State Historic Preservation Officer